



## HIGH SIERRA RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT AREA

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is being sent to support the HEA Central Valley Spring Run Chinook Salmon and Steelhead draft. We support the proposed selection of the Lower Yuba River for the \$20 million in funding.

The High Sierra Resource Conservation and Development Council is involved in activities supporting the proper management and conservation of our natural resource base in Yuba County through working with the Yuba Resource Conservation District and the Yuba River Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council.

We believe physical habitat enhancements along the Lower Yuba River starting in the Deer Creek area, and then down river of the watershed would significantly improve the spawning and holding habitat, while being the most cost effective action in our opinion.

The local community has been actively working on this project for over six years and we feel they are ready for implementation. We therefore request that the Lower Yuba River Actions be favorably considered for funding by the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Sincerely,

/S/

William J. Bennett  
President